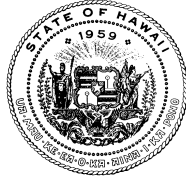


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**Testimony COMMENTING on HR0084**  
**Urging the Executive Office on Aging to work with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to Convene a Working Group to Establish an Active Aging Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee**

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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
- 2 of Health would like to provide comments on HR0084.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is unfunded. It places unknown staffing and operating
- 4 outcome requirements on the Executive Office on Aging and the University of Hawaii Center on
- 5 Aging.
- 6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of HR0084 is for the Executive Office on Aging to
- 7 work with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging to establish an Active Aging Initiative and
- 8 an Active Aging Advisory Committee to advocate for programs that help older adults to avoid
- 9 disease and disability, retain high cognitive function, and maintain community engagement. The
- 10 resolution also requires that the Executive Office on Aging submit a status report on establishing
- 11 the Active Aging Initiative and Active Aging Advisory Committee to the Legislature.

1     **Recommendation:** We appreciate the intent of this resolution but do not have the resources  
2     necessary to complete the request. If resources are provided to support this endeavor, the  
3     Executive Office on Aging would be willing to establish and convene an Active Aging  
4     Initiative and an Active Aging Committee with the University of Hawaii Center on Aging.  
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6     Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HR-84**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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**Comments:**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. This measure is greatly appreciated but at this time we would prefer the language in HR188 (HCR 209) which requests that the Executive Office on Aging update the 2013 white paper on Active Aging and provide a final report on its updated version no later than the start of the Regular Session. We believe that updating the 2013 white paper would provide opportunity to coordinate with the County agencies on Aging; review existing policies and best practices related to active aging; review health care practices and financial fitness measures; look at intergenerational equity; identify strategies to eliminate ageism and review other policies and practices that would support active aging. The intent of the reviews and the update of the white paper would be to provide a path to policies and initiatives that would expand our approach and identify initiatives that support active aging.

We believe that this approach of review and development of recommendations would strengthen the value of the white paper through collaboration and incorporation of best practices and model programs.

While we are appreciative and grateful for this measure, we humbly request that the committee consider the language in HR 188 (HCR 209) Thank you